

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter (where underlining “_” denotes additions and strikethrough “-” denotes deletions).

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of arranging for an electronically-recorded message to be delivered to a communication medium of a second user at a selected time, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

recording the message by a first user on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment; inputting an access code on the stand-alone communication device for accessing the communication medium of the second user; and indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the second user, wherein the message is retractable by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of~~:

inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising ~~the step of~~:

indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication media.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the second user
directly receives the message.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a second user
after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not directly receive the
message.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating a maximum re-send message number selected by the first user used to
re-send the message to a recipient a maximum number of times when the
second user does not directly receive the message.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating a re-send message number used to re-send the message to a second user
a number of times.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication medium is
a telephone.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the access code is a telephone
number for the telephone.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method of sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a second user at a selected time, said method comprises the step of:

recording the message by a first user on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;
inputting an access code on the stand-alone communication device for accessing the communication medium of the second user;
indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the recipient second user; and
sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the recipient second user when the time reaches the delivery time, wherein the message is retractable by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication
media.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time corresponding to
delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of communication
media.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the second user
directly receives the message.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising ~~the step~~
of:
indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a second user
after a re-send delay period if the second user does not directly receive the
message.

19. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium
is a telephone.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the access code is a telephone
number for the telephone.

21. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium is a voicemail mailbox.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the access code is a voicemail mailbox number.

23-34. (Canceled).

35. (Currently Amended) A system for arranging for an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a second user at a selected time, said system comprising:

means for recording by a first user a message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;

means for inputting an access code on the stand-alone communication device for accessing a communication medium of the second user;

means for indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the second user; and

means for sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the second user when the time reaches the delivery time; and

means for retracting the message by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

37. (Original) The system of claim 36, further comprising:
means for inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of
communication media.
38. (Original) The system of claim 37, further comprising:
means for indicating a plurality of delivery times, each delivery time
corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a plurality of
communication media.
39. (Original) The system of claim 38, further comprising:
means for indicating whether the message should only be delivered if the recipient
directly receives the message.
40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 39, further comprising:
means for indicating a re-send delay period used to re-send the message to a
second user after a re-send delay period if the recipient does not directly
receive the message.
41. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium is
a telephone.
42. (Original) The system of claim 41, wherein the access code is a telephone
number for the telephone.
43. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the communication medium is
a voicemail mailbox.
44. (Original) The system of claim 43, wherein the access code is a voicemail
mailbox number.

45-46. (Canceled).

47. (Currently Amended) A system for sending an electronically-recorded message to a communication medium of a second user at a selected time, said system comprising:

means for recording by a first user a message on a stand-alone communication device in direct connection to a telephone line as customer premises equipment;

means for inputting an access code on the stand-alone communication device for accessing a communication medium of the second user;

means for indicating a delivery time for delivery of the message to a communication medium of the second user;

means for keeping track of a clock time; ~~and~~

means for sending the message from the stand-alone communication device to the communication medium of the second user when the time reaches the delivery time; and

means for retracting the message by canceling delivery of the message before the delivery time.

48. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium comprises a plurality of communication media, each communication medium having its own unique access code.

49. (Original) The system of claim 48, further comprising:

means for inputting a plurality of access codes for accessing a plurality of communication media.

50. (Original) The system of claim 49, further comprising:
means for delivering the message at a plurality of delivery times, each delivery
time corresponding to delivery of the recorded message to each of a
plurality of communication media.
51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 50, further comprising:
means for determining whether the message should only be delivered if the second
user directly receives the message.
52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 51, further comprising:
means for delaying for a period of time before re-sending the message to the
second user if the second user does not directly receive the message.
53. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium is
a telephone.
54. (Original) The system of claim 53, wherein the access code is a telephone
number for the telephone.
55. (Original) The system of claim 47, wherein the communication medium is
a voicemail mailbox.
56. (Original) The system of claim 55, wherein the access code is a voicemail
mailbox number.
- 57-58. (Canceled).
59. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first user is
distinct from the second user.

60. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the first user is distinct from the second user.

61. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the first user is distinct from the second user.

62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein the first user is distinct from the second user.